

## **IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

### **REGULATED CARRIER DIVISION**

#### **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS/WMD INCIDENT SUPPORT PLAN**

IPUC normally does not respond to accidents on-scene unless specifically requested through the response system. IPUC is primarily interested in causes of accidents or incidents and the corrective action to rectify and ensure that safer transportation measures are followed to prevent similar situations in the future.

IPUC Rail Safety Specialists that respond on-site to accidents or incidents are normally limited to major accidents resulting in immediate danger to humans or fatalities. The function of such response is normally limited to, railroad crossing accidents and rail incidents involving hazardous materials. The safety specialists accumulate data and facts that relate to proper placarding and identification of loads, train consists, sufficient clearance and observation at railroad crossings; and how these functions may relate to the cause of the accident.

Normally, this on-site investigation will begin immediately after any material hazardous to human life has been removed and an "all clear" is given by responsible on-site personnel.

Carrier company dispatchers and safety directors of shippers may be contacted for a specific description and identification of the commodities being transported.